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1. SPECIFIC GUIDANCE PROVIDED EARLIER IN REFTTEL B AND IN
PARAS ONE AND TWO OF REFTTEL C REMAINS APPLICABLE TO RE-
NEWED POLADS DISCUSSION OF SECOND REVISED DRAFT OF IS LONG
PAPER ON CBMS.

2. HOWEVER, AFTER REVIEWING THIS DRAFT IN LIGHT OF THE DISCUSSIONS OVER THE SHORT PAPER WHICH WAS ULTIMATELY INCLUDED IN THE REPORT TO MINISTERS, WE BELIEVE THAT THE STRUCTURE OF THE PAPER DOES NOT CORRECTLY REFLECT, AND IN FACT COULD MISLEAD, AS TO THE PRIMARY FOCUS OF ALLIED EFFORTS AT BELGRADE REVIEW IMPLEMENTATION. THE EFFORTS AT BELGRADE -- REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION. THE INTRODUCTORY SECTION OF THE DRAFT DEVOTES ONLY ONE SHORT SUBORDINATE PHRASE TO REVIEW AND THE INTRODUCTION ITSELF IS FOLLOWED BY TWO LONG SECTIONS ON WESTERN AND NNA PROPOSALS AND ONE ON WARSAW PACT PROPOSALS BEFORE ONE REACHES SECTION V ON REVIEW. THE SECTION PROVIDES ONLY A CHECK-LIST OF WP IMPLEMENTATION SHORTCOMINGS WITH A SHORT, TENTATIVE STATEMENT ON USE OF THE LIST.

3. FURTHER, MISSION WILL RECALL OUR RECOMMENDATION (REFTELS C AND D) THAT THEMES FOR USE IN REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION OF CBMS BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT TO MINISTERS SO THAT THIS REPORT WOULD NOT SUGGEST THAT ALLIES WERE MORE INTERESTED IN NEW PROPOSALS THAN IN THE REVIEW (PARA 1(B) OF REFTTEL E.) THIS RECOMMENDATION ULTIMATELY RESULTED IN A STATEMENT ON THEMES IN THE REPORT TO MINISTERS (PARA 7 OF REFTTEL F) AND APPARENT ALLIED SUPPORT FOR INCLUSION OF A FULL LIST OF CBM REVIEW THEMES IN THE LONG PAPER (REFTEL G).

4. THUS, IN ADDITION TO DISCUSSION ON POINTS OF EARLIER GUIDANCE (PARA ONE ABOVE), MISSION IS REQUESTED TO INITIATE FOLLOWING WITH POLADS:
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A. REVIEW OF DRAFT PER PARAS TWO AND THREE ABOVE.

B. PROPOSE THAT, TO REFLECT ADEQUATELY ALLIED AGREEMENT THAT IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW SHOULD BE PRIMARY FOCUS OF BELGRADE, AND TO BE AS WELL PREPARED FOR REVIEW AS ON NEW PROPOSALS, PRESENT SECTION V SHOULD BE LOCATED IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING INTRODUCTION (SECTION I) & INCLUDE STATEMENT OF ALLIED AGREEMENT THAT IS SHOULD PROCEED NOW TO ELABORATION OF DETAILED ALLIED STRATEGY FOR PRESENTING WARSAW PACT IMPLEMENTATION SHORTCOMINGS AT BELGRADE.

C. OFFER LIST OF SEVEN CBM THEMES (PARA 5 OF REFTTEL H) FOR ENUMERATION IN, AND AS STRUCTURE FOR, ANY AGREED REDRAFT.

5. CONCERNING CBM PROPOSALS, MISSION SHOULD CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN OUR TENTATIVE POSITION AS STATED IN PARENTHETICAL SENTENCES OF PARA TWO, REFTTEL I. MISSION MAY INDI-

CATE TO ALLIES, HOWEVER, THAT WE EXPECT TO COMPLETE
EXAMINATION OF OUR POSITION ON MAJOR MILITARY MOVEMENTS

IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND SHOULD BE ABLE SHORTLY THEREAFTER
TO PROVIDE A SUGGESTED ORDER OF CBM INITIATIVE PRIORITIES
FOR MISSION'S RESPONSE TO POINTS RAISED BY TURKISH AND
OTHER ALLIED REPRESENTATIVES (REFTEL J).

6. WE REGRET THAT WE WERE UNABLE TO OBTAIN ALL
CLEARANCES FOR GUIDANCE ON DRAFT CRITERIA FOR TREATMENT
OF OBSERVERS (REFTEL K) IN TIME FOR MAY 20 POLADS MEETING.
GUIDANCE WILL BE FORWARDED IN TIME FOR MAY 24 MEETING.

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